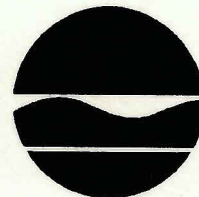


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Mr. Michael J. Schumacher
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Dear Mr. Schumacher:

Thank you for our October 13, 1993 inspection tour of your Watkins Glen facility. An inspection report is being prepared and is forthcoming.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our discussion during our inspection regarding your willingness to construct an earthen catchment basin to serve as tertiary containment for proposed fuel oil pad Well No. 58 (API #31-097-21467). We all agreed that this containment structure could be constructed simultaneously with the concrete pad, and that it would prevent an inadvertent release of oil from entering the Seneca Lake drainage gulch that is located approximately 200 feet southeast of Well No. 58. Other brinefield operators in the State have constructed similar type earthen catchment basins to prevent possible brine releases from reaching environmentally sensitive areas.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

PETER S. BRIGGS

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